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SUBJECT: SENATE RESOLUTIONS OBJECTING TO U.S. ARMS SALES
TO SINGAPORE

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1. SHOULD GOS INQUIRE, YOU MAY SAY THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR
FROM TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS BY SENATOR NELSON AND SENATOR
PROXMIRE THAT THEIR CONCERN IS WITH VOLUME OF ARMS
TRANSFER GENERALLY AND THAT THEY ARE NOT AIMED AT
SINGAPORE. ADMINISTRATION OF COURSE OPPOSES THESE RESO-
LUTIONS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TASKED TO PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED "NATIONAL
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INTEREST" JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SALE OF F-5ES AND

SIDEWINDER MISSILES TO SINGAPORE BY COB SEPTEMBER 10. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT ASAP.

QUOTE: WE BELIEVE THAT THE SALE TO SINGAPORE OF ONE SQUADRON OF F-5ES WITH AIR TO AIR MISSILES IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES. THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WILL NOT AFFECT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE REGION ADVERSELY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE SINGAPORE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE PLANES MAY WELL PROMOTE COMMONALITY OF

AIRCRAFT AMONG THE FRIENDLY NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND NEIGHBORING MALAYSIA AND THAILAND, WHICH ALREADY POSSESS THE AIRCRAFT. SINGAPORE DOES PURCHASE A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. CONTINUATION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE ACCESS BY THE UNITED STATES TO SINGAPORE'S EXCELLENT NAVAL AND AIR FACILITIES. IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO HELP A SMALL NATION, WHICH THREATENS NO ONE, TO IMPROVE ITS MODEST ARMED FORCES TO A LEVEL IT CONSIDERS ADEQUATE IN THE NEW SITUATION THAT PREVAILS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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